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ST. CHARLES COUNTY CONFIRMS FIRST HEAT DEATH

Medical Examiner Reports Hyperthermia as Cause of Death

St. Charles County, Missouri – The medical examiner announced today that a resident of unincorporated St. Charles County is the county's first confirmed heat-related death during the summer of 2012. The 64-year-old male was discovered in his mobile home on Saturday, July 7.

The victim lived alone and is reported to have had his air conditioner removed due to the expense of its operation. He is also reported to have refused a relative's offer to move into cooler accommodations during the ongoing heat wave.

While this is the first confirmed death as a result of the summer's heat wave, St. Charles County hospitals have reported 53 heat-related illness cases (29 involving St. Charles County residents and 24 involving those from other counties treated at St. Charles County hospitals) since June.

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